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It seemed like a presentiment! At least fact that my countrymen and fellow-travel- a strange noise, as of machinery in violent ors fifty dollars for a life-preserver; that the gibberish. He's gone clean mad, you bet." have altered their plans at the last moment | squads, for I attributed them to the hauling | Sant's hand were so benumbed with cold | that I was in my right senses. ing to Peru, their native country, via New on their being repeated, however, I threw his fob. The sailor therefore followed my your socks, if you have any with you, and ed to go by the more direct way of Jamaica. and entered the saloon. Here I was met by The life-preserver, however proved of no walk, and that's a fact. A thousand miles more or less is no consid- one of the stewards, who, in great agitation, service, nor had a life-preserver been of any Johnny obeyed, and afterwards assisted not hesitate on that account. However, it state," and had refused to go on. His real gaze. and that I should meet them there after on a rock and was fast sinking! of art, which my fellow-travellers had purdenessed during our ten months' wanderings however, that death from exposure to the was called Gulls Head. Many of the ship-of fourteen, was saved. in Europe, were to have gone with me to cold was said to be even worse than death | wrecked passengers and erew were already | While the tea was preparing, I succeeded New York ; but here again the finger of fate from drowning, I returned to my cabin for assembled on the rock, while others had in drying by the fire and smoking one of seemed to interpose, and labelled them my seavy overcoat and travelling cap. I reached the island. 'glass with care," direct to Peru by sailing bettought me also of the old sock, which,

the same precaution with regard to a small thicking these might prove of service, I

as two were about leaving Liverpool for that the cabin stairs, and before I had time to city. Both had alike the reputation for fast reach the deck my feet were soaking. sailing and cabin comforts, but the fates de-I will call the Arcadia, and I accordingly se- thrown open, and the emigrants were pour-

DR. WHITE'S FAMILY DRUG STORE. for a voyage by sea, except a life-preserver help as usual, stowed away in a place in my cab. signal tocket was being fired. little loose cash—was deposited under my native language, implored Heaven to for-pillow. Lake most of my countrymen, I give my sins, and protect my beloved wife with a few packets of Havana cigarettes.

ly sound vessel; indeed this was her last to save myself from falling forwards. at which we started left nothing to be de- stood as they say "on her beam ends."

gale, which rent some of our sails and re- must have perished, tarded our progress. But on the morrow later we found that we had made at the rate repeatedly cry, "Take to the rigging!" I the stingy allowance of coal.

much during the tedious voyage, occupying | quarter of the steamer. Light was issuing the hours by playing chess, cards and other from the port-holes of the hull beneath me, games, and laying wagers as to the number but this was presently extinguished by waves of miles the steamer was making per day. as they dashed into the little windows. I Three of the saloon passengers, whom I myself soon became thoroughly drenched will call Mr. Welch, Mr. Sant and Mr. Kew, with water, my feet and hands were numbed were especially friendly with me-perhaps with the cold, and my slippers parted combecause I was a foreigner, and contributed pany. largely towards maintaining hilarity on board. They also helped me to consume the good Havana cigars which I had but by a miracle I presently found myself

brought. supply was of inferior quality, and upon the him morning of that day it was resolved to make for Halifax. At twelve o'clock our captain gave orders to change the route and put the ship's head northwards. It was only after quired. the mischief was done we learnt that the steamer had at that moment already passed Halifax by 160 miles! The Arcadia was then sailing at the rate of thirteen miles an

was South Carolina, signified his intention to land at Halifax, and continue the rest of the journey to New York by rail. He advised me to fe'low his example, and, as I was heartily tired of the sea-voyage, I willingly agreed to accompany him. Other pas-Goods delivered throughout Bloomfield and sengers joined in our scheme, and discussed with us as to the best means of carrying out our plan. But man proposes and-

I retired early to my berth on the evening of a very memorable day, and slept somewhat more soundly than I had hitherto done. The thought of awakening on the morrow of Halifax and continuing the journey by land was a delightful prospect, and I soon on, and was shivering with cold. Water not understand the language in which my marizold,"

becom of my auxious family.

there was something very remarkable in the Long before daybreak I was awakened by told me that he had offered one of the saillers, Dons Manuel and Domingo, should motion. At first I took no notice of the man had accepted his offer, but Mr. I soon assured him in his own language of leaving England, and instead of return- up of cinders from the furnaces below. Up- that he was unable to extract the coin from York, as had been previously agreed, decid- on a few clothes, tripped into my slippers, friend's directions, and helped himself. put them on this gentleman, for he can't

ime for any further preparations. The I had my choice of steamers for New York, water was already rushing in torrents down

The scene on deck was indeed terrible. creed that I should embark in the one which The door of the steerage cabin had been cured a berth in the saloon department of ing at like ants from a besieged ant-hill. Women and children were running wildly I am an old traveller, and therefore noth- about in all directions, and rent the night ing was omitted in my list of requirements air with their shricks and piteous cries for

which I had intended purchasing in Lon- Alighting on the quarter-deck I encoundon, but which, in the hurry of my depart- tered ar. Sant in the act of putting on a lifeure, I had forgotten. My portmanteau was, preserver, and near the wheel-house the last

in; the leather bag, containing my money Instructively, or as if inspired, I clung to and valuables, was consigned to the care of the based wooden rail on the starboard or the purser; and before I retired to rest, an righth and side of the steamer, for in that old sock-in which I was accustomed at moment the vessel suddenly heaved over, night to place my silver match-box, my gold and threatened to precipitate me into the repeater, a couple of valuable rings, and a sea. I now fell upon my knees and, in my am an inveterate smoker, and I had not and children. I fancied then that I saw my forgotten to provide myself with a goodly dear family standing in the centre of the supply of cigars of the best brand, together | deck before me, and the illusion was only dispelled when I observed that the deck The Arcadia was not altogether what I was so much out of the horizontal that I should have considered a clean and perfect. was forced to hold fast to the rail in order voyage before putting into dock for repairs. | clung for very life to an iron bar of this rail, However, I fed and slept well, and the speed for the steamer had heeled over again, and

I thought it strange that she should have We steamed out of Liverpool, and on the fallen with her deck seawards, when the following day we had already made three waves and wind were inclining her to the bundred and forty four miles. On the next land side. If however, she had fallen in day, however, we were caught in a strong the opposite direction, every soul on board

Wearied with grasping the rail of the there was a calm, and notwithstanding this steamer, I ventured to change my place of we made only 244 miles. On the next day, safety, and for this purpose moved cautiouswith the weather still in our favo , we made ly towards the hurricane or bridge deck, but 189 miles. The passengers now began which is the highest part of a vessel. Seatto comment upon the tardiness of the steam- ing myself upon one of the iron props of er, and many were of opinion that the coal the bridge, I felt the waves as they dashed supply was deficient, and when three days against the upturned hull, and heard a voice of 169 miles per twenty-four hours, we however, did not avail myself of the invitatwitted our captain good-naturedly about | tion, for I could observe indistinctly that the rigging was already black with people, We were a merry party, and fraternized and it was besides difficult to approach that

Suddenly I lost my hold and feli. I now thought my end was indeed approaching, seated saddle-fashion on the wooden rail be-On the last day of that memorable month, low. Again I thanked Heaven for my safethe fact could not be concealed that the Ar. ty, and as I was uttering the words, a voice cadia was either deficient in coal or that the near me asked whether I was addressing

> "No," I replied; "I am praying, and recommend you to do the same.'

pray in your own language, you know." The waves still beat with fury against the wreck, and now daylight began to appear, and gradually revealed the objects around. My friend Mr. Welch, whose destination Land-so dreaded a few hours since, so welcome now-was distinctly visible. The steamer appeared to be enclosed in a kind of semicircle of land.

In turning my head I beheld my friend men. Mr. Sant, whom I found to be the person who had last addressed me. Are you Senor C-?" he asked.

"I am." "Oh! we are lost-we are lost!" he ex ienced no pain.

are saved." "Saved for the moment only !" he said. guard hung loosely from his waistcoat. He and said :

sides my watch, rings, and match-box, his skin, I judged to be an engine-stoker, that little cigarette was a luxury ever to be I wished afterwards that I had adopted contained twenty-three sovereigns, and lay groaning and making horrible contor- remembered. And shall I ever forget the leather bag that contained various presents gathered and stuffed them hurriedly into a fellow had, like many others, lest his reason. followed? for my friends in South America, besides pocket of my warm overcoat, where I found Fearing that in his paroxysms he might

During one of these pauses I bethought me of indulging in the luxury of a cigar. I remembered that my matches were safely deposited in my sock, and I thought that perhaps the water had not penetrated the silver box which held them. I accordingly extracted a cigar from a pocket of my overcoat, and placed it in my mouth. Alas! the cigar was soaking with sea-water. I allowed it to fall from my lips, while I continued my journey, which was of more vital impor-

When I reached the centre of the steamer l observed a boat coming from the island It appeared to be extremely small, was with out seats, and the fishermen by whom it was manned seemed afraid to approach too near the wreck. A few moments later a larger boat put off from the island, and came to the rescue of the passengers.

I had not reached that part of the steamer where the mizzen-mast is situated, and here I found my friends Welch and Kew. We exchanged greetings, and I placed myself literally and not in the Spanish sense of the expression, "at their feet." While conversing with my friends some of the passengers and crew were being removed from the wreck by means of a rope, which, as I afterwards heard, had by the bravery of the first officer been connected with the rock, and again from the latter to the island. Those who availed themselves of this means of escape were sadly beaten by the waves, which rose higher and higher every moment. Many of them exhausted with their efforts, and frost-bitten with the cold, fell dead on their way along the rope.

Amongst those who remained on the hull, waiting the approach of the boats, were not a few who went raving mad, slipped into the sea, and were drowned.

My frozen hands and feet rendered me powerless to leave the wreck by means of the rope, so I made no effort in that direction. Occasionally I raised my wet overcoat from my chest, to see if my body continued warm, and I was greatly thankful at the sight of the vapor which it dispelled.

The boats now began to venture nearer to the wreck, and those who had not lost the use of their hands and feet passed onwards towards the bow of the steamer, and in turn descended by a rope and embarked.

Unable to follow their example, I patient. ly awaited some other means for my rescue. Presently the larger boat returned from the island for the fifth time and passed from the stern end of the steamer under that part of I the hull where I was stationed. As it approached I let go my hold, and trusting to "What language do you pray in?" he in- good fortune that I might hook on to the boat by an arm or a leg. I slipped down-"In Spanish," I answered, "but you can wards over the hull. My left leg missed its mark, and it was then, I think, that I received the two gashes in my foot, which for many long weeks afterwards I retained. I fell into the water, but in doing so I contrived to hook on by an arm to the gunwale of the boat, and in this condition and by swimming a little-with my leg, I was soon he won't stay long, I was thinking, hanled in headforemost by one of the fisher-

> By this means I was safely landed. My feet were greatly swollen and bleeding, especially my left foot; but all sense of feeling and ploughs back the next day. had long since deserted me, and I exper-

Two men supported me in their arms and "On the contrary," said I. "I believe we endeavored to restore animation. While family to grief Adam dragged down with they were doing so I clasped my hands and him the whole world.". thanked God aloud for my deliverance, The poor fellow had neither hat nor coat | One of the fishermen, who of course did

an to dream that I was already in the was dripping from his head, and his watch- words were uttored, called to a messmate

"I say, Johnny, here's a fellow talking

"Well then, Johnny," said he, "take off

eration with such travellers as we Peruvians in ormed me that the steamer had struck, use to George, one of the attendants of the one of the men to convey me to the house are, and although New York is a little out of I thought at first he was only joking, and saloon, who had tried to avail himself of of a fisherman named O'Brien, who is also the way to South America, my freinds did that he meant that the vessel was "on one. His body was then floating under my the magistrate of Gulls Head Island. O'Brien an I his daughter were very kind, and prowas finally arranged that my companions meaning was, however, soon made clear to By the blessed light of day I could now vided ten and bread and butter for all the should return to Peru by the Jamaica route, my understanding. The steamer had struck calculate the distance which separated us passengers who arrived at their bumb'e from land. The nearest point of terra firma dwelling. We numbered upwards of a huntouching at New York, where my wife and first impulse was to fly for safety to a was a large rock about twenty-five yards die land fifty at the fisherman's house; but family were residing. Some valuable works high part of the vessel, and trust in Provi- from the prow-head; beyond the rock was we were all men, for every woman had per-

> my cigarettes. After the six or seven hours One unfortunate, whom, from the color of of suffering which I had just experienced, tions with his body near my feet. The poor hot cup of tea and bread and butter which

> A'ter partaking of this (as it then seemed clutch at my feet, and that we should both to me) princely fare, the captain of the illroll overboard. I thought it advisable to fated steamer walked in, and finding how shift my quarters. This was easier said many ship-wrecked people were billoted on than done, for I had lost the use of my O'Brien, he said that some of us must be feet. I, however, contrived to crawl on my removed to an other locality. I and some knees along the edge of the hull, holding on others were accordingly conducted to an to the rail of the steamer, and pansing here other house, were we were again regaled and there till I found an opportunity to pass, with tea and bread and butter. But after for the overturned hull was crowded with partaking of that second meal I was shown into a bedroom, where I soon threw off my damp clothes and retired for the night. And

On the following morning, at three o'clock, came the welcome news that some steamers for our conveyance from the island had arrived from Halifax, and shortly after we

were on board one, called the Delta. In due course we landed at Halifax, and some of our party were taken to a hotel in that city. There I visited by Dr. J ..... who examined my feet, and declared that my left foot showed signs of gangrene. Dr. W --- , another physician of the town how-

feet by the application of carbonized oil. Next day accompanied by my friends and fellow-sufferers, Welch and Knew, and a servant who had been saved from the wreck, I left Halifax in a small steamer, and after a peaceful voyage of two nights and a day

landed at Portland. Thanks to be enrhonized oil prescribed by Dr. W-, the much dreaded gangrens never appeared.

At Portland we went on to Boston. My servant Tom, assisted by some laborers who willingly volunteered their services, carried me in turn from the steamer to the train. In a few short hours we arrived at Boston, and after breakfasting at Tremont Hotel, where payment was generously refused by the landlord. I bade adjen to my friends Welch and Kew, whose destination was in another direction, and took the train for New York and home. - Cassell's Magazine.

Not long since a very nervous lacy took passage at the Tip-Top House, White Mouptain, to descend by the almost perpendicular railroad. Her fears were apparent to every one, and the following unique dialogne took piace between her and the conductor : Lady .- Mr. Conductor, how do you hold these cars when you want to make a stop? Conductor. - Madam, we apply the brake, which you see there. Lady-Sappose, Mr. Conductor, that brake should give way, what do you do then? Conductor .-Madame, we then apply the double-acting brake, which you see at the other end of the cars. Lady .- But, Mr Conductor suppose that brake should not be sufficient to check the cars, where will we go then? Conductor .- Madame, I can't decide. That depends entirely apon how you have lived in

A St. Louis paper says: During Col. Tom Scott's recent visit to our city, he was hailed on the street by a little boot-black with: "Boss, have yer boots shined?," The Colonel pleasantly shook his finger at him saying: "My boy, I am no boss, The little waif swung his box over his shoulder, and eyeing the great railroad king from head to foot, replied. You're boss of yer boots, aint yer?"

A sensible man : Lamartine was asked by a friend if he did not spend too much time in advertising. "No," was the reply, "advertisements are absolutely necessary. Even divine worship needs to be advertised. Elso what is the meaning of church bells?"

A little girl asked a minister, "Do you think my tather will go to heaven ?" "Why, yes, my child. Why do you ask?" "Well, because if he don't have his own way there,

A Virginia bishop says he saw a wheat field in California seventeen miles long and when the owner ploughs it he starts on one farrow and goes all day.camp; out all night,

Gail Hamilton says : "Adam had a better character than any bank president; and where the defaulting eashier brings only his

Here is the newest floral sentiment : "If you wish for heart's ease, don't look to

